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NEWS FROM
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What is Happening
at and Near
Hilo.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT
TO VOLCANO STAGE

Shriners Pay a Visit—Illicit Liquor
Licenses—The Olua
Mill.

HILO, March 22.—A most serious accident occurred to the Volcano stage as it was leaving Dolloway's half-way house in Kau, for Hilo last Wednesday. The leaders ran in opposite directions while the wheel horses partly broke loose. Mr. Buck, disliking the rapid motion over hummocks of lava on a down grade, slid out the back, spraining his ankle very badly. The driver, finding the horses more than he could hold alone, passed a line to Captain Matson. Just then the stage gave a lurch and the Captain was pulled over the dashboard, striking the whiplike-tree and falling to the ground face downward, the stage passing over his shoulders. Mr. Irwin, thinking that his two companions were killed, and seeing a thicket of lehuas ahead, attempted to get out the back also. He fell on his spine. A moment later the whole top of the stage was torn off by the lehuas, and Mr. Irwin would most certainly have been killed had he remained in the stage. The driver only escaped by leaning far out over the dashboard. The horses were at last stopped when the pole ran into a sand-bank.

When each of the three gentlemen picked himself up he could not see the others, and so thought they were dead. When they found each other Mr. Irwin says Mr. Buck was as white as a sheet; Captain Matson says Mr. Irwin was as white as a sheet, and Mr. Buck says Captain Matson was as white as a sheet. By which we may infer that there must have been great rejoicing as they painfully hobbled back to the half-way house. There they took an inventory of bruises and rested while the stage was patched up. It is most fortunate that there were no women or children in the stage. These gentlemen affirm that the Kau rocks are of adamant hardness and devoid of upholstery—Tribune.

ILLICIT LIQUOR TRADERS.

With the introduction of a new deputy sheriff the police department has discovered that it is alive, and is making a record against the offenders of the Penal Code that is likely to result to the general advantage of the community and incidentally to the Treasury of the Territory. Under the present license system pretty nearly every Chinese and Japanese country store, and some that are neither Chinese and Japanese, have been a distributing point for various fiery liquors. These during the present month have been pretty extensively overhauled. Most of the arrested have pleaded guilty or forfeited bail, with the result that about \$1,000 in fines have so far been gathered in this month in addition to the big catch of the season. Lum Fat of Honoumuli, whose stock of booze entitled him to a rank among the wholesalers, since the forbidden beverages were found on his premises, Lum Fat will fatten up the Treasury to the extent of about \$400.—Tribune.

OLUA MILL.
L. A. Thurston says the Olua mill will be ready to grind cane by September 1. If this is true, the mill will be finished about thirty days before the time specified in the contract. The men in charge of construction give it as their opinion that the first of August will see all the machinery running. They base their opinion upon the work done at Waialua, where it took six months to complete the job, and they believe they can discontinue that time by one month. The first cane to be ground is that nearest to the mill, and it is estimated that it will produce from seven to eight tons of sugar to the acre. About 600 acres of Puna Sugar Company's cane will be ground, and then the crop on Peter Lee's 15-acre tract at Eliaha. When this is finished the mill will be put in order for the 30,000-ton crop of next season.—Herald.

THE PUNA ATTRACTIONS.
The rock crusher for the Hilo railway is being set up in Puna. When finished the work of ballasting the road will begin and when completed there will be daily trains to Puna and an excursion train on Sunday. This will enable the public to visit the romantic lakes there and enjoy a bath in a body of water that is warmed by the fires of the Volcano.—Herald.

U. S. LABOR COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Omstead, United States labor commissioner, was in Hilo for a few days last week. He came overland from Kawaihae and was making a tour of the Island. While here he stated that he was investigating the labor question, conditions, etc., and added that his report to the department would be satisfactory to the Islands.—Herald.

To become a Shriner requires a confidence in one's fellow man exceeding that of the scriptural mustard seed, and in addition, a constitution of iron. But to take a trip to Hilo on the Kinau requires both these, and in addition, a degree of reckless daring possessed by few. Out of the whole troupe of Shriners who visited Honolulu, only thirty-five arrived at the Elysian shores of the Queen City of the Pacific, and these returned by the same steamer, having made a flying pilgrimage to the Volcano. If they had any tents, they must have folded them in the night, like their brethren in the desert, for we saw but little of them, except their signatures, more or less undecipherable in the hotel register. Even the three lone Shriners, who were at the base of Mauna Loa during the penance for their sins, met them not, and what they think of Hilo must ever remain a mystery, as they probably don't know themselves.

It will be a matter of interest to Hiloites, however, to know that their former fellow townsman, L. T. Grant, who now holds the position of automobile tamer for the big Honolulu corporation engaged in the horseless carriage enterprise, arrived in Hilo, having occurred what much of the position of toastmaster at the Shriners' banquet held at the Moana Hotel.—Tribune.

POPULAR PUNA ROUTE.

Mrs. John Scott and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Matson and daughter, Mrs. Severance, Mrs. Charles Furneaux and Me-

rs. C. C. Kennedy and Charles Furneaux made a trip to Puna over the new railroad on Tuesday of this week, visiting the hot springs and other points of interest. They report a most enjoyable outing. Most of them had never visited this part of the Island previously, and none, for a number of years. As the same is the case with Hilo people generally, this trip promises to be quite a popular one for some time to come. A small seaside hotel at some point near the Puna end of the railroad line should prove a paying proposition. It would certainly be well patronized by those who like to get out of town between Saturday and Monday.—Herald.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at 7:15 yesterday morning. The office furniture of the Kohala-Hilo Railway Company was disturbed for rent by Landlord Baldwin last week. It is understood the action was taken to prevent other attachments being put on the property in the office.

The Kinau brought up twenty bags of mail. Gallies are clearing land for Elberton settlers at low prices.

F. S. Lyman, Jr., is in Hilo on account of the illness of his mother. B. F. Dillingham has taken an option on the warm spring at Puna.

Bob McKinnon, an old Kamaaina, came down on the Roderick Dhu.

D. Baldwin has gone to Honolulu as a witness in the Kukuau land case.

M. J. Gouvea has some fine sugar cane, citrus and mango trees growing on his land in Elberton.

W. S. Terry is building a log cabin on his land at Twenty-nine Miles. It is probably the first house of the kind built on the Islands.

J. S. Canario and wife are in Honolulu on account of the severe illness of their son, Joseph, who is a student in St. Louis College.

Mrs. J. Cargill, wife of the chief engineer of the Kohala-Hilo railway, left for the Coast on the S. N. Castle last Saturday.

Mr. Goss, E. Mellor and Mr. Gill, who came here with the promoters of the Kohala-Hilo railway, have returned to their homes in the States.

W. A. Robinson, postoffice inspector, came on the Kinau to Laupahoehoe yesterday and will be in Hilo in a few days. He will probably visit the Volcano before returning to Honolulu.

The Catholic Mission had decided right of way through Bridge street from Waiuku to the rear of the lot on which the Tracy house stood in exchange for a deed to the school house lot on Waiuku street.

A bonanza in frog's legs has been discovered in Hilo during the past week. The discoverer, like others, will probably be without the glory belonging to his achievements, but he will at any rate receive the credit of satisfying the epicurean longings of a few.

Peter Lee has been securing signatures in Hilo during the past week to a petition for the establishment of county government.

There are several hundred tons of cane on Puna plantation which will probably be sent in to be ground at Waialua this season.

Miss Washburn, who has been during the past year the stenographer of the court for this circuit, leaves for Honolulu by this Kinau. Miss Washburn will probably attend the term of the Fourth Circuit at Kailua before she returns to Hilo.

THE REPUBLICAN CHARTER.

How it Strikes the Mind of a Hilo Editor.

The Republican party on Oahu has formulated a charter for municipal government for the Islands, the same to be presented to the Legislature for slaughter. The word is used advisedly, for no measure bearing the stamp of Republican approval can get very far past the Independents' sentinel without getting a rap on the head. But as it from top to bottom, between the lines or any other way, to find any single clause aside from the election of a mayor that reminds you of any document of the same nature in the United States and you will be disappointed. It is said that the rottenness of the municipalities on the Mainland has suggested the advisability of representatives of communities going to England to study the methods of local government there in order to introduce them at home. It is with that condition of affairs in mind, possibly, that the framers of the Honolulu charter provided for the election of one main "push," who will have greater powers than ever hopeful politician dreamed of. He will be able to sit on his throne and have every job chaser in the county at his beck and call. It may be that the Republican party believes that the present status of politics in the Islands warrants innovations in the principles of a charter. It may be that the actions of the Legislature, composed mainly of Independents, suggest rottenness in office should the selection of men for heads of the various departments be left to the will of the people, but consider, oh ye faithful workers, what a cinch the commissioner of elections would have in case of a tie vote.—Hilo Herald.

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